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SUBJECT: FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN EASTERN
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IN ANTICIPATION PRESS INQUIRIES ABOUT ASPECTS FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN EASTERN EUROPE WE HAVE PREPARED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WHICH ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY USE ON BACKGROUND BASIS SHOULD INQUIRIES ARISE:

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE CONTROVERSY WHICH HAS DEVELOPED IN THE FRG, STEMMING FROM WEHNER'S REMARKS IN MOSCOW ABOUT FRG REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN IN EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES?

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A: NO, WEHNER'S COMMENTS ARE NOW A MATTER OF DOMESTIC GERMAN DISCUSSION. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ENTER INTO A DISCUSSION WHICH CENTERS ON WHAT FRG POLICY SHOULD BE.

Q: CAN YOU GIVE US SOME BACKGROUND ON THIS ISSUE?

A: THE FRG'S EFFORT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA HAVE BECOME

STALLED ON THE ISSUE OF THE RIGHT OF THE FRG TO PROVIDE FULL CONSULAR REPRESENTATION TO WEST BERLIN. IN THE BERLIN AGREEMENT, THE SOVIET UNION AGREED NOT TO RAISE OBJECTIONS IF THE FRG REPRESENTED WEST BERLIN IN THIS AREA. THE THREE POWERS HAVE LONG AUTHORIZED THE FRG TO PERFORM IN THIRD COUNTRIES A FULL RANGE OF CONSULAR SERVICES FOR WEST BERLIN RESIDENTS AND INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS COURTS. INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT RAISES NO QUESTION OF STATUS OR SECURITY.

Q: HOW ARE THE FRG RIGHTS ON REPRESENTATION DEFINED IN THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT?

A: EXACTLY WHAT THIS REPRESENTATION WOULD CONSIST OF WAS NOT PRECISELY DEFINED.

HOWEVER, AS MENTIONED, THE THREE POWERS HAVE AUTHORIZED THE FRG TO PERFORM IN THIRD COUNTRIES A FULL RANGE OF CONSULAR SERVICES FOR WEST BERLIN RESIDENTS.

Q: HAVE WE INTERVENED WITH THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER?

A: NO. THE SOVIETS ARE NOT A DIRECT PARTY TO THIS CONTROVERSY.

Q. HAVE WE INTERVENED WITH THE CZECHS, HUNGARIANS OR BULGARIANS ON THIS MATTER, AND ARE WE WILLING TO DO SO?

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A: WHILE WE SUPPORT THE FRG'S RIGHT TO REPRESENT WEST BERLIN, THE QUESTION OF HOW THIS APPLIES TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA IS STILL A MATTER UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE FRG AND THREE GOVERNMENTS BILATERALLY. OUR VIEWS IN SUPPORT OF THE FRG ARE ON RECORD. KISSINGER

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